GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3207
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2002
INDIAN DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS LIMITED
ARUN KUMAR;BHAN SINGH BHAURA

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a)whether it is a fact that workers of IDPL are not being paid their salaries on regular basis;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the details of the measures taken by the Government to clear the back-log of salaries;

(d) whether the Government have any plan to close various units of IDPL of particularly that of Muzaffarpur;

(e) if so, the details thereof, unit-wise;

(f) the reasons for not revising the pay of the employees of IDPL during the last fifteen years;

g)whether the Government have asked the employees of IDPL to opt for VRS without the closure benefits;

h) if so, the details thereof;

i)whether the Government have any plan to accommodate or transfer the employees of IDPL, Muzaffarpur to any other units of IDPL; and

j) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a), (b) & (c) : As the Company is not in a position to pay salaries to the employees from its own generation, Government is providing non-plan assistance for payment of salaries/wages to its employees from October,1996. Such funds have been released for the period upto September,2002.

(d) & (e) : No, Sir.

(f) : IDPL is a sick Company referred to the Board for Industrial and FinancialReconstruction under the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. The extant policy of the Government permits such wage/pay revision only if a revival package, inclusive of provisions for additional expenditure on account of such pay/wage revision, is approved by the BIFR.

(g) & (h) : No, Sir.

(i) & (j) : The unit at Muzaffarpur is a wholly owned subsidiary of IDPL At present, there are no plans to transfer the employees of this unit to any other unit of IDPL.